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> MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD, AND MAGNETIC REPRODUCING **APPARATUS**

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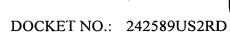
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO on form PTO-1449: is related to a magnetorresistive device including a nonmagnetic layer whose thickness is ranged between 2 to 5 nonometer.

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